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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/535,540	Applicant(s) KING, CAMERON JAMES	
	Examiner TAYAN PATEL	Art Unit 1795	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 January 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 December 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Johnny (2002/0185446).

Regarding claim 1, Johnny teaches a plurality of electrode plates (paragraph 75), electrical connections (busbar) [30, 32] are arranged normal to electrode plates [41, 42, 43] (the connection above the top edges of the electrode is a functional design choice irrelevant to the claimed structure of the apparatus claim) and provides for electrical connection through an aperture in the electrochemical cell (figure 8, paragraph 75 and 76), the arrangement of the electrical connections (busbar) [30,32] and the electrical connectors [57, 60] of to the electrode plates [55, 59] provide for flow of liquid between the plates so as to avoid contact of the liquid with the electrical connectors [57, 60] (figures 9-12 and paragraph 77), a threaded bolt [42] extending across the electrode plates consisting of conductive spacers [36] and spring washers [38] (paragraph 76).

Regarding claim 2, Johnny teaches threaded electrical connectors (busbar) [30, 32] with associated washers [38] and nuts [39] used to secure the electrode assembly (figure 8 and paragraph 76).

Regarding claim 3, Johnny teaches dc power being applied to the electrical connectors (busbar) [30, 32] and the connectors extending through an aperture within the electrochemical cell (figure 8 and paragraph 76).

Regarding claim 4, Johnny teaches dc power being applied to the electrical connectors [30, 32] and nuts [39] fastened to either side of the connectors (figure 8 and paragraph 76).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 15 January 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant is requested to view the response to arguments as directed to claim 1 presented below.

ART Rejections

1. Johnny Does Not Disclose Electrical Connectors, 30 & 32, Arranged Above the Top Edges of Electrodes.

In response, Examiner contends that Johnny discloses the releasable connection, 30 & 32, normal to the electrode plates. The inclusion of the arrangement of the busbar “above the top edges” of the electrode in the claimed invention does not

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impart further structure distinct from the apparatus of Johnny because the claimed connection and busbar are apparent.

2. Johnny does not disclose any structure or process that reads on the notch, slot or aperture located in individual tabs that extend upwardly from an adjacent top edge of each electrode.

In response, Examiner contends that the busbars, 30 & 32, extend in a horizontal direction through an aperture of the body, 4 (See fig. 8) wherein each electrode plate/anode, 42, forms its own are (see figs. 8, 13, 15) normal to the busbars. Thus, individual tabs are created from the space between each parallel anode normal to the busbars.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TAYAN PATEL whose telephone number is (571)272-9806. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8 AM-6 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexa Neckel can be reached on (571) 272-1446. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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